

Need another word that means the same as “ghastly”? Find 56 synonyms and 30 related words for “ghastly” in this overview.

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The synonyms of “Ghastly” are: charnel, sepulchral, grim, grisly, gruesome, macabre, sick, terrible, frightful, horrible, awful, dire, serious, severe, grave, very bad, grievous, dreadful, ill, unwell, peaky, pale, white, pallid, pasty, wan, colourless, anaemic, bloodless, peakish, ashen, ashy, chalky, grey, whitish, waxen, waxy, blanched, drained, pinched, green, sickly, sallow, cadaverous, ghostlike, spectral, unpleasant, objectionable, offensive, disagreeable, distasteful, displeasing, unacceptable, off-putting, undesirable, obnoxious

Ghastly as an Adjective

Definitions of "Ghastly" as an adjective

According to the [Oxford Dictionary of English](#), “ghastly” as an adjective can have the following definitions:

- *Gruesomely indicative of death or the dead.*
- *Deathly white.*
- *Very objectionable, bad, or unpleasant.*
- *Extremely unwell.*
- *Causing great horror or fear.*
- *Shockingly repellent; inspiring horror.*



Synonyms of "Ghastly" as an adjective (56 Words)

anaemic	Lacking vigor or energy. <i>An anaemic patient.</i>
<u>ashen</u>	(of a person's face) very pale with shock, fear, or illness. <i>Eleanor's ashen face.</i>
ashy	Of a pale greyish colour; ashen. <i>An ashy sediment.</i>
awful	Offensive or even (of persons) malicious- Ezra Pound. <i>Awful bloody images.</i>
blanched	Anemic looking from illness or emotion. <i>Add the garlic spices and blanched cauliflower to the fried onion and continue to cook until soft.</i>
bloodless	(of the skin) drained of colour. <i>A bloodless coup.</i>

cadaverous	Very pale, thin, or bony. <i>He was gaunt and cadaverous.</i>
chalky	Of something having the color of chalk. <i>She turned chalky white.</i>
charnel	Associated with death. <i>I gagged on the charnel stench of the place.</i>
colourless	(especially of a gas or liquid) without colour. <i>Colourless nail varnish.</i>
<u>dire</u>	Fraught with extreme danger; nearly hopeless. <i>He was in dire need of help.</i>
<u>disagreeable</u>	Unfriendly and bad-tempered. <i>Henry was always a very disagreeable boy.</i>
displeasing	Causing displeasure or lacking pleasing qualities. <i>It was not entirely displeasing to be the centre of such a drama.</i>
distasteful	Causing dislike or aversion; disagreeable or unpleasant. <i>He found such cynicism distasteful.</i>
<u>drained</u>	Drained of electric charge discharged. <i>Left the lights on and came back to find the battery drained.</i>
<u>dreadful</u>	Extremely disagreeable and unpleasant. <i>This was all a dreadful mistake.</i>
frightful	Extreme in degree or extent or amount or impact. <i>A frightful crime of decapitation.</i>
ghostlike	Resembling or characteristic of a phantom.
<u>grave</u>	Of great gravity or crucial import; requiring serious thought. <i>A grave God fearing man.</i>
green	Of a ski run of the lowest level of difficulty as indicated by green markers on the run. <i>Are you all right You look absolutely green.</i>
grey	Used to signify the Confederate forces in the American Civil War who wore grey uniforms. <i>His hair was grey and wispy.</i>
grievous	Causing or marked by grief or anguish. <i>The American fleet suffered grievous losses.</i>
<u>grim</u>	Harshly uninviting or formidable in manner or appearance. <i>His grim expression.</i>
grisly	Shockingly repellent; inspiring horror. <i>The town was shaken by a series of grisly crimes.</i>

<u>gruesome</u>	Shockingly repellent; inspiring horror. <i>The most gruesome murder.</i>
horrible	Very unpleasant. <i>War is beyond all words horrible.</i>
<u>ill</u>	Suffering from an illness or disease or feeling unwell. <i>Ill from the monotony of his suffering.</i>
<u>macabre</u>	Disturbing because concerned with or causing a fear of death. <i>Macabre tales of war and plague in the Middle ages.</i>
objectionable	Arousing distaste or opposition; unpleasant or offensive. <i>I find his theory objectionable in its racist undertones.</i>
<u>obnoxious</u>	Extremely unpleasant. <i>He found her son somewhat obnoxious.</i>
off-putting	Causing annoyance or repugnance.
offensive	Morally offensive. <i>The allegations made are deeply offensive to us.</i>
<u>pale</u>	Not full or rich. <i>She looked pale and drawn.</i>
pallid	Lacking in intensity or brightness; dim or feeble. <i>A pallid sky.</i>
pasty	Having the sticky properties of an adhesive. <i>He looked pasty and red eyed.</i>
peakish	Somewhat peaked or pointed; characterized by peaks.
peaky	Pale from illness or fatigue; sickly. <i>Absence of peaky highs and beefed up bass.</i>
pinched	Sounding as if the nose were pinched. <i>Her pinched sallow face.</i>
sallow	Unhealthy looking. <i>Sallow faced addicts.</i>
sepulchral	Relating to a tomb or interment. <i>The sepulchral darkness of the catacombs.</i>
serious	Appealing to the mind. <i>A serious student of history.</i>
<u>severe</u>	Severely simple. <i>A hefty six footer with a rather severe mien.</i>
sick	Having a strong distaste from surfeit. <i>He looked pretty sick at that but he eventually agreed.</i>

sickly	Somewhat ill or prone to illness. <i>The walls were painted a sickly green.</i>
spectral	Of or like a ghost. <i>Spectral emanations.</i>
terrible	Causing or likely to cause terror; sinister. <i>I was terrible at basketball.</i>
unacceptable	Used of persons or their behavior. <i>The coach told his players that defeat was unacceptable.</i>
undesirable	Not wanted. <i>The drug s undesirable side effects.</i>
unpleasant	(of a person or their manner) unfriendly and inconsiderate; rude. <i>An unpleasant smell.</i>
unwell	Ill. <i>Is unwell and can t come to work.</i>
very bad	Being the exact same one; not any other.
wan	(of light) pale; weak. <i>She was looking wan and bleary eyed.</i>
waxen	Having the paleness of wax- Bram Stoker. <i>The poor face with the same awful waxen pallor.</i>
waxy	Capable of being bent or flexed or twisted without breaking. <i>A thin face with a waxy paleness.</i>
white	Of wine made from white grapes or dark grapes with the skins removed and having a yellowish colour. <i>A white hot center of the fire.</i>
whitish	Resembling milk in color; not clear.

Usage Examples of "Ghastly" as an adjective

- *One of the most ghastly crimes ever committed.*
- *Ghastly shrieks.*
- *She had sobered up but she felt ghastly.*
- *Ghastly wounds.*
- *The weather was ghastly.*
- *A ghastly pallor.*

Associations of "Ghastly" (30 Words)

abominable	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>Abominable workmanship.</i>
<u>alarming</u>	Frightening because of an awareness of danger. <i>Our countryside is disappearing at an alarming rate.</i>
<u>appalling</u>	Causing consternation. <i>The cat suffered appalling injuries during the attack.</i>
<u>atrocious</u>	Exceptionally bad or displeasing. <i>Murder is an atrocious crime.</i>
awful	Awfully very. <i>Awful worshippers with bowed heads.</i>
<u>deformed</u>	So badly formed or out of shape as to be ugly. <i>Deformed thalidomide babies.</i>
<u>diabolical</u>	Disgracefully bad or unpleasant. <i>Diabolical sorcerers under the influence of devils.</i>
<u>dreadful</u>	Used to emphasize the degree to which something is the case, especially something regarded with sadness or disapproval. <i>She looked quite dreadful and she was struggling for breath.</i>
fearsome	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>The cat mewed displaying a fearsome set of teeth.</i>
<u>frightening</u>	Making someone afraid or anxious; terrifying. <i>A frightening experience.</i>
frightful	Provoking horror. <i>A frightful mistake.</i>
grisly	Causing horror or disgust. <i>A grisly murder.</i>
<u>gruesome</u>	Shockingly repellent; inspiring horror. <i>Gruesome catering.</i>
<u>hellish</u>	Extremely (used for emphasis). <i>Hellish weather.</i>
hideous	Extremely unpleasant. <i>Hideous lizard like creatures.</i>
horrible	Provoking horror. <i>War is beyond all words horrible.</i>
<u>horrific</u>	Causing fear or dread or terror. <i>Horrific conditions in the mining industry.</i>

horrifying	Causing horror; extremely shocking. <i>A horrifying incident.</i>
infernal	Characteristic of or resembling Hell. <i>His roar made the infernals quake.</i>
macabre	Disturbing because concerned with or causing a fear of death. <i>Macabre tortures conceived by madmen.</i>
monster	(medicine) a grossly malformed and usually nonviable fetus. <i>A monster with the head of a hyena and hindquarters of a wolf.</i>
monstrosity	A thing, especially a building, which is very large and unsightly. <i>They regarded the atom bomb as a monstrosity.</i>
sadly	In a sad manner. <i>Sadly he died before he could see his grandchild.</i>
scary	Frightening; causing fear. <i>It was scary the way they bonded with each other.</i>
sepulchral	Gruesomely indicative of death or the dead. <i>Hollow sepulchral tones.</i>
spooky	Easily frightened; nervous. <i>Some horses are more spooky by nature than others.</i>
terrible	Very unwell or troubled. <i>I was terrible at basketball.</i>
unlovely	Not attractive; ugly. <i>Unlovely tower blocks.</i>
unsightly	Unpleasant to look at. <i>An unsightly rubbish tip.</i>